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SUBJECT: LATEST POLL SHOWS ONLY SLIGHT CHANGES IN  
POPULAR STANDINGS OF POLITICAL PARTIES

REF: OTTAWA 303

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE CURRENT STANDINGS OF THE MAJOR  
POLITICAL PARTIES, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST GALLUP POLL,  
COMPARED TO THE RESULTS OF THE LAST PUBLISHED POLL  
TAKEN IN DECEMBER.

- FEBRUARY 1978      DECEMBER 1977

LIBERALS	43	42
PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES	36	34
NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY	17	19

2. COMMENT: AS IS EVIDENT, THERE HAS BEEN SOME  
STABILIZATION IN THE POPULAR STANDINGS OF THE PARTIES  
OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, BUT IT IS UNCERTAIN THAT  
THIS TREND WILL CONTINUE. IT IS ALSO NOTEWORTHY THAT  
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THE NUMBER OF UNDECIDEDS DROPPED FROM 36 PERCENT IN  
DECEMBER TO 33 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY. PROBABLY THE MOST  
SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF THIS LATEST POLL IS THAT THE  
LIBERALS NOW HOLD ONLY A SLIGHT LEAD OVER THE CON-  
SERVATIVES IN ONTARIO.

3. TRUDEAU WILL PROBABLY NOT MAKE ANY DECISION ON AN

ELECTION DATE AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER THE LIBERALS CONDUCT  
THEIR OWN POLL AROUND EASTER, AND HE WILL LIKELY NOT  
MAKE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT OF A DATE UNTIL AFTER THE QUEBEC  
LIBERAL PARTY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN MID-APRIL.  
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